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Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana Newsletter



Notes from the Council Table

Qaxtna!

It is with great pleasure that the Tribal Council is able to report to our membership that a very progressive month has preceded us and we believe that you will concur. As in our past reports, efforts towards continuing the Tribe's prosperity are occurring. To keep you abreast, we will provide this information so that all can remain informed.

To begin, the following will provide updates on the constitutional amendment concentrated towards ethical conduct of elected leaders, the constitutional amendment proposing a choice of amending the Tribal membership blood quantum standard to lineal descendency, the S&F Hotel, The Innovation Group study, Raintree Market and the Lake Fausse Point and Grand Avoille Cove Advisory Board. Following these updates, summaries of the 2010 Fiscal Year Tribal budget and the upcoming roadway reconstruction project are provided.

Constitutional Amendments. The Constitutional Amendment passed by our voting membership in the past June election is now in effect. The Tribal Council has approved amendments to the *Tribal Personnel Policy Part 12 – Drug and Alcohol Policy* for mandatory, random drug screenings of Council members in the past September 17th scheduled Council meeting. The Council has chosen that the random drug screens shall occur each quarter with all members of the Tribal Council required to participate.

The proposition for changing the existing minimal one-sixteenth (1/16th) degree Chitimacha Indian blood requirement to a lineal descendency standard with no blood quantum requirement has been forwarded to the Department of the Interior seeking their approval to conduct the required Secretarial Election. When we are in receipt of their approval, we will let you all know.

S&F Hotel. The S&F Development group had received permission in late August from the Town of Baldwin to proceed with the earthwork construction for the proposed 48 room hotel located at the corner of East Loop Road and Ralph Darden Memorial Parkway. Core Construction of Lafayette, La. is the contractor constructing the facility. As they proceeded with constructing the building pad for the hotel, the rainy weather that all of us have witnessed within this area has caused them to come to a halt. Hopefully some dry weather will be before us so additional progress can occur for this development.

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The Innovation Group. The Innovation Group has concluded the study for the Casino operations review and potential expansion recommendations, including a hotel. The information has been presented to the Tribal Council and a meeting with Casino Management is being scheduled. The Council has concluded that having the Innovation Group present the information to the General Council would also be beneficial. Rather than having this presentation an agenda item for the January General Meeting, a separate meeting will be called due to the depth of information. By next month's Newsletter, we should have a better handle on scheduling this meeting.

Raintree Market. The construction documents for the building have been sent to the State Fire Marshal's office nearly two weeks ago. Once comments are received, the Plans will require review by the Town of Baldwin. Currently, the Tribal Council is negotiating with the Town regarding necessary utility infrastructure that will be required to service the facility.

The other component of the design documents includes the roadways and parking areas. Recall that these improvements will be paid with American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds through the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). After further collaboration with the Tribe's BIA representative, the design consultant is working on implementing the recommendations that followed the 50% review and will have one additional 90% review prior to bidding the project.

The Council has also reviewed several financing options provided by Whitney National Bank. The conclusion was that a CD secured loan would provide the maximum benefits to the Tribe. The only remaining decision required by the Council at this time is to determine the business structure that Raintree Market will be organized under.

Lake Fausse Point and Grand Avoille Cove Advisory Board. This board was created by a bill authored by State Representative Sam Jones which was signed into law several months back. The Tribal Council was given the authority to appoint two members to sit on this advisory board. The two individuals that were chosen by the Council are Roger Stouff and Kim Walden. It is our understanding that the board members will hold their first meeting within the near future which will be hosted at our Tribal headquarters.

2010 Fiscal Year Tribal Budget. Beginning October 1st, our Tribal government entered into the 2010 Fiscal Year. Several meetings were held between the Tribal Council and the Budget Committee to review each department's proposed budget. The bottom line reflects a minor increase from the prior fiscal year due to capital outlay requests of Tribal departments, a potential land acquisition by the Tribe, and other measures that are consistent with the Tribe's newly adopted Strategic Plan. It is worthy to note that there have been small variances in budget totals for quite some time now, and this fiscal year's budget is quite similar.

Reconstruction of Tunica Drive, Seminole Drive, Oneida Street and Jena Street (TSOJ). We are sure that residents on the reservation are becoming quite accustomed to construction activity! As substantial completion is being awarded for the C3JS project, a construction contract for the TSOJ is being executed between the Tribe and Phylway Construction of Thibodeaux, La. This project will further provide for the safety of our community and, at the same time, provide an aesthetically pleasing finish.

The TSOJ will conclude reconstruction on the final segments of Tunica Drive, Seminole Drive and Jena Street. It also includes reconstructing Oneida Street in its entirety. As in the prior four phases of drainage and roadway improvement projects, this project will consist of subsurface drainage, concrete curbs and gutters, new asphalt pavement and concrete pedestrian walkways. The bid proposal submitted by Phylway Construction came within budget and it is anticipated that they should begin mobilizing to the site within the next few weeks.

This project is being funded entirely through federal dollars including a \$1 million award through the Bureau of Indian Affairs' (BIA) High Priority Project (HPP) program with the remaining balance subsidized from the Tribe's allocation of Indian Reservation Roads (IRR) funds for this year, also provided through the BIA.

To conclude, many may recall that the General Council delegated us, as the elected leadership, to conduct a study focused towards effective communication between the Tribal Council and you as Tribal members in this past June General Meeting. We would like to dedicate the following months to perform this task and report our conclusions within a future editorial of the *Notes from the Council Table*. We feel that to accurately assess the many possibilities that can achieve this initiative, public input will be necessary; which of course, will present a more thorough understanding of your desires and expectations of us as your public servants. This, in itself, is an attempt to provide better communication which should not be one-sided on either party's part. To do this, please submit in writing any comments that you feel would achieve this goal.

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Your Tribal Council



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Resolutions for the Month of August

- #34-09** Previously tabled, approves an increase in court costs as according to the Schedule of Fees and/or Costs with same to be made effective immediately.
- #38-09** Eliminated. This resolution was for Rules of Professional Conduct, but this will be included in the revisions to the Chitimacha Comprehensive Codes of Justice in the Civil Procedures Code.
- #39-09** Authorizes Lonnie L. Martin, Chairman, to sign the Partnership Agreement with the U.S. Census Bureau and to sign any and all documents related and pertaining to the Tribe and the U.S. Census Bureau for the United States Census 2010.
- #40-09** Approves and adopts the amended 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust effective September 1, 2009, and that Patty Perry, Chief Financial Officer, is hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Administrator of the Plan the necessary documents required to make the effective changes to the Plan.
- #41-09** Directs that the proposed amendment to change the standard for Tribal membership to eliminate the 1/16 Blood Quantum standard and replace it with a Lineal Descendancy standard with no blood quantum requirement to Article III, Section 1(a)(2) of the Tribal Constitution be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior or his designee in support of a request for authorization to conduct a Tribal-wide election; and that, if the Secretary of Interior or his designee authorizes the requested election, then such election shall be conducted upon the Reservation, and at the time and date of the next General Election in June, 2010; and that the Tribal Council further directs that, if the Secretary of the Interior or his designee authorizes said election, then the proposed amendment to Article III, Section 1(a)(2) shall be the subject of a vote by those Tribal members otherwise entitled to vote as set forth in Article VI, "Elections", at Section 2, "Entitlement to Vote", and receives approval by a majority vote of registered Tribal members age 21 or over, and voting in an election where at least thirty percent (30%) of those entitled to vote, cast ballots, then such amendment shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior for final approval; and that the Tribal Chairman, Lonnie L. Martin, is authorized to take all necessary actions required by law to obtain such approval.

Resolutions for the Month of September

- #42-09** Authorizes Patty Perry, Chief Financial Officer, to open the necessary bank accounts for the various American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) projects as they are funded, in the name of the Tribe.; and that as per the By-Laws of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana, the Tribal Chairman, Lonnie L. Martin, and the Secretary-Treasurer, Tasia Burgess, are authorized to sign all checks drawn on all tribal accounts; and that in addition to the Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer, the Vice Chairman, John Paul Darden, is authorized as an alternate signature for checks drawn on the above referenced ARRA accounts in the absence of the Chairman or Secretary-Treasurer; and authorizes the use of the mechanical device signatures and signature stamps as signatures and endorsements on the above referenced accounts.
- #43-09** Extends the period for finalization of the Innovation Group's report, (regarding their evaluation study of the Tribe's existing gaming operation's performance as well as the evaluation and feasibility study of the potential, if any, for facility expansion, inclusive of a hotel and other related retail facilities in conjunction with said Tribal gaming facilities), by an additional forty-five (45) days from the date of September 18, 2009.
- #44-09** Authorizes the Chairman, Lonnie L. Martin, to submit the necessary documentation to the Bureau of Indian Affairs for the approval of the Creek Drive Right of Way encroachment, for the pedestrian walkway project for access to the existing walking track and Sports Complex from the RV Park.
- #45-09** Approves the Self Certification of Right of Way for BIA Routes 1900-010, 1910-010, and 1930-010 for access to Raintree Market, and authorizes recordation with the appropriate entities.
- #46-09** Accepts the bid from Phylway Construction for roadway improvements to Tunica, Seminole, Oneida, and Jena, and authorizes Peggy Gaddy, Chief Administrative Officer, to sign any and all documents pertaining to this project, and designates Brian Headley, Development Director, as the project coordinator.
- #47-09** Appoints Roger Stouff and Kimberly Walden to serve as representatives of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana on the Lake Fausse Point and Grand Avoille Cove Advisory Board for a term of four years. This board was created by Representative Sam Jones through his submission of HB 162 to the Legislature and was passed to become Act 361. The mission of the board will be to save this area from continued siltation and unnatural demise. The Tribe was authorized to appoint two members to this board.



CHITIMACHA TRIBAL POLICE NEWS



SEPTEMBER 2009

For the month of September 2009 nine traffic citations were issued for speeding.

Thirteen verbal warnings were given for various traffic violations.

The following arrests were logged for September 2009:

09-03-09	Two females arrested for disturbing the peace by fighting.
09-04-09	One male arrested on a warrant for disturbing the peace, domestic abuse battery, and resisting an officer by flight.
09-13-09	One female arrested for criminal trespassing.
09-15-09	After a high speed pursuit that ended in Jeanerette two male subjects were arrested. One subject was charged for speeding in a school zone, no drivers license, three counts of failure to stop at a stop sign, driving left of center, four counts of failure to use turn signal, aggravated flight from an officer, criminal damage to property, unauthorized use of a vehicle, obstruction of justice, and illegal carrying of a weapon. The other male subject was charged with possession of stolen property, two counts of obstruction of justice, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, resisting an officer by flight, resisting an officer by giving false information, and possession of drug paraphernalia.
09-16-09	One female arrested for theft.
09-26-09	One male arrested for criminal trespassing, resisting an officer and disturbing the peace intoxicated.
09-26-09	Two males arrested for criminal trespassing.
09-28-09	One male arrested on a warrant from Franklin Police Department for failure to return a leased movable.

DNA COLLECTION

On an average 797,500 children, younger than 18, are reported missing in a one year period of time, resulting in an average of 2,185 children being reported missing daily. With these alarming numbers it is essential that all steps are taken to ensure the safety of our children.

On Friday, October 02, 2009, Sgt. Jada Breaux spent the day at the Chitimacha Tribal School collecting DNA from the children, to be stored at the Chitimacha Police Department, in the event it would be needed for identification purposes. Along with the collection of DNA from the children, their fingerprints were also taken and personal contact information, physical description, and medical information was also recorded, along with a photo.

All of this information will be helpful to officers for identification and investigative purposes, should a child be abducted or reported missing. Sgt. Breaux obtained photos and updated information from students who already had their DNA collected and stored at the police department. Parents/guardians had to give written permission before DNA was collected or any information obtained from the children. The DNA collected is not entered into any databases but securely stored at the police department for use, should an emergency arise.

If you have a child or children that did not take part in this program but you would like to have their DNA and information collected, please call Sgt. Jada Breaux at 923-4964 to set up an appointment.

HAVE A HAUNTING HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

**MOTORISTS—PLEASE WATCH FOR ALL THE LITTLE GHOSTS
AND GOBLINS WANDERING THE STREETS ON SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 31, 2009.**



NOTICE



***Trick or Treating will be
observed on the Reservation
on Saturday, October 31, 2009
from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
HAPPY HALLOWEEN!***



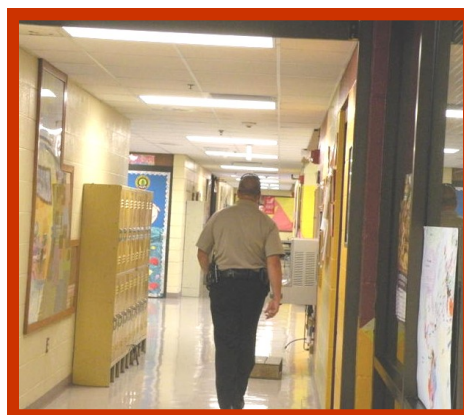
Congratulations to Officer Albert Guillory and Communications Officer Bobbi Brown for graduating from the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office 48th Basic Training Academy. After completing 12 weeks of training, Officers Guillory and Brown successfully completed the Peace Officers Standards and Training Council (P.O.S.T.) examination to become certified police officers in the state of Louisiana. Graduation ceremonies were held at the Forest Restaurant in Franklin on August 21, 2009.

Pictured below is Officer Albert Guillory (left) and Officer Bobbi Brown (right) receiving their certificates from Major Mark Hebert of the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office.



On October 08, 2009, Sgt. Jada Breaux, along with Officers Albert Guillory and Jake Darden conducted a Code Red (intruders on school property) Drill at the Chitimacha Tribal School. With the beginning of a new school year, the drill went very well and the students and staff deserve a huge pat on the back for a job well done in successfully implementing this very important program.

In the photos, Officer Jake Darden (left) checks to make sure all school doors are locked and secured while the drill is being conducted. Officer Albert Guillory (right) monitors the school hallways for any movement or activity during the drill.





Silent Witness Program

"A citizen's chance to speak up without fear."

Without citizens reporting crimes promptly, and participating in and supporting crime prevention efforts, the Chitimacha Criminal Justice System operates under a severe handicap.

If crimes are never reported, little can be done to help other members of the Tribal Community from also being victims. The Chitimacha Tribal Community can be a much safer place with your assistance. You can assist by reporting unusual activities to the police immediately. The likelihood of arresting an offender drops with each minute of delay in reporting.

Anonymous calls can be made to (337)923 4205.

Do Not Use The Silent Witness Program to report an emergency or a crime in progress!!!! Call: (337)923 4964 or 911.

All calls will remain anonymous.

When you call please provide any information on the suspect you can such as, name, address, physical description etc. and times of the crime.

Provide as much detail as you can, including how you know that a crime has occurred.

Remember, ALL CALLS WILL REMAIN ANONYMOUS.

Again, the number to call is (337)923 4205.

The Red Ribbon Motorcade will be traveling across St. Mary Parish on Oct 24th starting at 9 a.m. and ending around noon at the Chitimacha Tribal School. Come out and show your support as the motorcade goes by!



Health Department News

Wishing you Good Health!

Madeline Phelps



Registration Update:

Please help us keep up-to-date records and inform Brittany of any changes in insurance, address, or telephone number. Call Brittany @ 923-9955, Ext. 3001.

Contract Health Service - Services obtained off-site:

Referral required for off-site services. A "purchase order" form must be obtained from the Health Department (I.H.S./CHS) office for each & every visit to a healthcare provider prior to visit.

Individuals with private insurance or Medicare must obtain purchase order if you are requesting that I.H.S./CHS pay the balance. Emergency Services: you have seventy-two (72) hours to notify the health department in the case of emergency visit. Report to Millie @ 337-923-9955, Ext. 3004.

"Alternate Resource":

Health Care Resources other than those of the Indian Health Service. Example: Medicare, Medicaid, or Private Insurance.

Should a client meet the eligibility guidelines to qualify for an alternate resource, clients will be required to apply for that resource if available and accessible. Failure to apply when contacted by clinic staff may result in denial of services.

Contact Ann Olds (Medicaid Enrollment Representative): 337-923-9955, Ext. 3003 for more information. Ann is available to assist you in completion of the Medicaid application process.

- ◆ Once Medicaid is approved, the Medicaid office will re-certify your case periodically.
- ◆ It is client responsibility to respond to requests made by the Medicaid Office

Report/provide the following to Ann:

- ◆ Report any changes in Medicaid status to Ann
- ◆ Bring documentation of denial or changes in Medicaid status

Dental Clinic:

Since the Dental Clinic is only open one day per week it is *extremely important* to notify Brittany if you are unable to keep an appointment. If we are notified in advance we can easily schedule another patient.

Weekly Screening:

Every Wednesday morning the Community Health Nurse (CHN) and CHR's hold a clinic @ RiverCane starting @ 7:30a.m. Stop by to have your blood pressure/blood sugar taken! Lori, Norma & Elaine look forward to seeing you there!

Pharmacy:

Please call for refills 4-5 days in advance. **When calling in prescription please leave the prescription number, name of medication & your telephone number. Reminder:** Check your prescription bottle when calling for refills; if **no** refills contact you doctor's office to request a new prescription.

Judith's Diabetic Corner

Judith Dupuis, Dietician, Certified Diabetes Educator

Fighting diabetes together!

Contact Judith on Wednesdays @ 337-923-9955, ext. 3011

ABCs of Diabetes

Taken From: The American Diabetes Association and American College of Cardiology

This information was recently presented at the Lunch and Learn held at The Recreation Center on September 23, 2009. Thank you, Jeri and staff for allowing us to use the Recreation Center. Thank you to all that worked hard preparing the lunch. Here are a few tips from the presentation:

By managing the ABCs of diabetes, people with diabetes can reduce their risk for heart disease and stroke.

A stands for A1C

B stands for Blood pressure

C stands for Cholesterol

A1C measures average blood glucose over the last three months.

- Get your A1C checked at least twice a year.

A1C Goal = less than 7%

High blood pressure raises your risk for heart attack, stroke, eye problems and kidney disease.

- Get your blood pressure checked at every visit.

Target BP = less than 130/80

ADA Goals for Cholesterol

Target LDL = less than 100

Target HDL = above 40 (men)

above 50 (women)

Target triglycerides = less than 150

For more information about diabetes and help with balancing your diet and getting on target please call the clinic for an appointment or call me on Wednesday.



CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL

Eagle Pride...Eagle Spirit!



2009-2010 CTS SCHOOL YEAR

August temperatures were HOT and our students are keeping their COOL at CTS! Students seem like they are “old pros” when it comes to classroom routines, assignments, projects, homework, and school procedures. It has been a very smooth few weeks for students and staff!

CONGRATULATIONS MRS. TANYA!

CHITIMACHA TRIBE OF LOUISIANA – 2009 SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR!

We are so very proud to work with a wonderful supervisor!

You're “OUR” head “CHEERLEADER”!

You're the BEST,
CTS Staff

Reported By Molly Chiasson:

CTS middle school students are really showing impressive effort! With each topic of study presented, students are using their organizational skills, demonstrating responsibility, and making sure that they stay on top of their assignments.

In sixth grade social studies students just completed their first chapter, which covered a study on early human civilizations. Students were a bit surprised about the additional work load that comes with sixth grade, but they took on the challenge with high expectations.

Seventh grade students are currently working on concepts of the American Revolution. These students see a big change moving from studying World History in sixth grade to learning American History in seventh grade, but they are adjusting well.

The eighth graders, besides being really excited that they will soon move on to high school, just completed a “careers” project while studying the economic unit and will be working on the concept of “Why We Study History”.

All grade levels are working diligently, and their hard work IS and WILL continue to reward them!

PRAYER AROUND THE FLAG POLE

“CIRCLE OF TOGETHERNESS”



A feeling of togetherness was the atmosphere from the annual Prayer Around the Flag Pole ceremony that took place on Friday, September 11th. The rain allowed for the ceremony to take place indoors, but truly this was a blessing within itself. Normally the ceremony is held outside but this year because of showers across the southern gulf coast we moved our prayer indoors. “The atmosphere was so peaceful”, one community member mentioned as students were exiting to begin their school day. Many other positive comments were made that may have started a new tradition for this ceremony, holding it indoors from now on! Students commented on being able to hear the speakers much better which allowed them to focus more on the messages that they heard.

A warm welcome was presented by Vice-Chairmen, John Paul Darden followed by the Indian Pledge of Allegiance recited by the entire student body. Mrs. Carolyn Savage spoke on the “Words of Wisdom” which she focused on the importance of students and adults wiliness to learn. Brother Bobby Hodnett lead prayer and a Chitimacha prayer written by Kaityln Landry, an 8th grader. The ceremony ended with a beautiful melody of Tapps played by Dynah Sedatol, Dylan Dwyer, and Julian Mire.

Reported By Jamie Baudoin:

Students first few weeks in kindergarten have gotten off to a fantastic start! The CTS kindergarten classroom is filled with ten little busy bees that are ready to learn. Students spent the first few weeks getting acquainted and learning routines and classroom procedures.

Students will begin the school year by focusing on comprehension skills which include alphabet recognition, and letter sounds. Also, students will begin working on personal growth and work habit skills. Some of these skills include talking at appropriate times, following verbal directions, and working independently. With Mrs. Jamie’s help these young CTS students will have no problem mastering these skills!

Congratulations to our 1st “Star Student” for the 2009-2010 school year which was Madison Parro!

Reported By Phyllis Darden:

Ms. Phyllis thinks that the CTS first grade students are off to a good start in first grade. After our first three weeks of reviewing kindergarten skills called “Start Smart”, students started their first reading book. Students are reading and writing about animals and children working and playing together. The first classroom book that students have written was entitled: “WE LIKE.”

Also, students are learning about patterning; numbers, number words, and numerals; bar graphs; tally tables; and ordinal numbers in math class.

Student’s first two social studies units were “Time for School” and “In my Community”. Students also worked hard on a special project tilted “ALL ABOUT ME”. These projects are on display in the hallway for everyone to see.

Our first, first grade “Star of the Week” was Amber Mora. Congratulations, Amber!

Reported By Debbie Halphen:

Second graders are really getting into the swing of things. Everyone is working really hard to learn the classroom rules and routines. This week our reading story is about a young girl who is from Korea and doesn't speak English. Her first day of school is very difficult for her. Some of us can relate to this. The first day of school can be scary for some of us.

Second graders have been reading lots of AR books. They all want to reach their goals for the nine week period. Those who reach their goals will receive a pass for "one week free dress". Keep on reading second graders.

We have been reviewing our addition and subtraction facts. We have taken several Mad Minute tests and everyone seems to be doing really well.

In Social Studies we have been learning about communities and what communities offer to its people. We have made mini posters of our neighborhood.

Our Open House is Sept. 16, 2009. We have lots of things to share with our parents. We hope to see everyone there.

This month in second grade our Star Student is Breyonna Verret. Congratulation Breyonna!

Reported By Shelia Gaddy:

What a change I have this year! Kindergarten is MUCH different from the third grade classroom! But "different", in this case, is a good thing. After students had a chance to get accustom with their new classroom routines and daily schedule they began working very hard on their daily lessons and have been pushing themselves to third grade challenges.

Weekly, students focus on "Mad Minutes", SRA (Success for All), McCall-Crab reading series, and vocabulary. Students are also focusing on small body parts in science and "Touring Louisiana" in social studies. As the mid-nine weeks rolled around students began moving onward toward harder concepts which they are handling very well.

For the 2009-2010 "Star of the Week", third grade honored Drake Pontiff as the first third grade "Star Student".

Reported By Tori Louviere:

The fourth graders at CTS are showing off their creative skills this nine weeks! Over the last two weeks, they have been studying ecosystems. As an extension, the fourth grade students created models of various ecosystems using boxes. Each ecosystem had to include at least three animals and two plants. Their extraordinary projects are on display for the whole school to view. They did a fabulous job!!!

We have some very imaginative students in Ms. Tori's fourth grade class. The fourth grade class is also reading the chapter book, *Sarah, Plain and Tall* and will have a "wedding" as a culminating activity. Ms. Tori's fourth graders have been working extremely hard! Keep up the great work! 😊

The first fourth grade star student for the 2009-2010 school year was Conner Anderson! Great Job Conner!

Reported By Kendra Lester:

Fifth graders are off to a rolling start! Students just finished their first novel study. They really enjoyed the novel "Findle" by Andrew Clements. Students also are enjoying the explorer project that we have started working on, and we plan to present the projects on Thursday, October 8th. They are also really excited about their upcoming units in Science and Social Studies. They can't wait to see what will happen next!

The classroom is always buzzing with excitement; stop by anytime for a great time of learning and fun! On more exciting note, a BIG congratulations to Amanda Vilcan who is our first 5th grade “Star of the Week” for the 2009-2010 school year! Way to go Amanda, we are so proud of you!



5th grade class holding our “frindles”!

PRINCIPAL’S NOTE

We are just finishing the first 9 weeks of this school year. Thank goodness the weather has cooperated with us this year and school has not been interrupted by any major storms. Let’s hope our good fortune continues!

Our first academic pep-rally will be on Friday, October 16th. I am looking forward to it and have a BIG surprise for the students. We are also busy planning the Halloween Carnival which will be held on Friday, October 23rd. Hope to see you all there! Everyone always has a “*frightfully*” good time!

The Parent Night Workshop & Dinner is scheduled for Thursday, November 5th, at 5:30 p.m. Please join us for an informative 50-minute multimedia and art program presentation by artist and educator Cliff Beaman, American Art Assemblies.

Thank you students for your hard work,
thank you staff for your relentless efforts and dedication, and
thank you parents for your support and cooperation.

Chitimacha Tribal School

OCTOBER 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Mrs. Tammy LaGarde-BD	2	3
4 Ms. Molly Chiasson-BD	5 Star of Week 5th Grade	6 Drake Pontiff BD	7	8 Mrs. Lois Darden-BD	9 End of 1st Nine-Week Period Ms. Denise Hodge-BD	10
11	12 Columbus Day School in Session Star of Week Halloween Ticket Sales in Gym in a.m. Oct. 12-	13	14 Show your Team Spirit! Wear Your Favorite Sports Team Shirt For 2 Eagle Bucks!	15 HEALTH FAIR CHITIMACHA TRIBAL SCHOOL GYM 1:00-5:30	16 Renaissance Program 2:15 Report Cards Sent Home National Boss 'Day'	17
18	19 Star of Week 7th Grade	20 Mrs. Jamie Baudoin-BD	21	22 Mrs. Mary "Buggie" Bailey-BD	23 Joshua <u>Darden-BD</u> Halloween Carnival 5:30-7:30 	24 Caylin Moneaux-BD
25 McKayla Higgins-BD	26 Haylee Bourgeois-BD Star of Week 8th Grade	27 Conner Anderson-BD Jose Sanchez BD	28 Star 4-H Meeting @ 2:00 p.m.	29	30 TRICK OR TREAT For 5 Eagle Bucks! A-B Conduct Free Dress	31



Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana Human Services Department

Karen Matthews, MSW, GSW
Social Services Director

Human Services welcomes Latricia Olivier, MSW as the Human Services Specialist. Ms. Olivier joined the Human Services Department Team on August 11, 2009. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from McNeese State University and her Master's of Social Work Degree from Southern University in New Orleans, Louisiana. Her previous employment includes working as a Special Education Counselor with the Iberia Parish School Board and Therapist with St. Landry Psychiatric Treatment Center.

Human Services in collaboration with the Chitimacha Tribal School and Child Care Development Center held a Family Preservation Summit on September 2, 2009. The event included presentations for parents, teachers, childcare development staff and students. The adults attending had the opportunity of selecting three of five workshops conducted. The adult workshops included Discipline Techniques for School Age Children, Differentiating Childhood Attention Deficit/Hyperactive Disorder, Depression and Anxiety, Anger Management, Bullying Prevention and MegaSkills (adults learned how to create home based learning and character for infants, toddlers, children and adolescents). Students attending the Summit participated in the following workshops: Anger Management, Stress Management and Homework Techniques. Ms. Carolyn Savage, a tribal member and former employee of the Chitimacha Culture Department introduced children to various instruments and entertained them. Workshop Presenters included Drs. Paul and Naomi Friedberg, Psychologists, Cherise Mills, LCSW, Diane Wiltz, St. Mary Parish School Board Safe and Drug Free Coordinator, Karen Matthews, MSW, GSW, John Struck and Marsha LaFollette, Educational Consultants.

The success of the Family Preservation Summit would not have been possible without the assistance of the Chitimacha Child Care Development Center staff providing childcare for children four years old and younger, Ms. Tanya Rosamond, Tribal School Principal and her staff. In addition, volunteers included Chief Blaise Smith, Captain Ellen Hebert, Officers Jade Breaux and Rosie Landry all employees of the Chitimacha Tribal Police Department. Human Services would also like to thank, Mr. Billy Mora with the Chitimacha Public Works Department and Mrs. Candy Marcotte Menard who catered the meal for the event.

Ms. Gloria York, MSW, Eastern Regional Social Worker of the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs conducted the Monitoring Review of the Human Services Department. She was pleased with the Human Services Department and the efforts of our staff to make the services accessible and attainable to Tribal members. Ms. York applauds the Human Services Department for coordinating with other disciplines, i.e., State/Parish programs to provide maximum services and enhance the quality of life for the Chitimacha People.

The month of October is observed as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the week of October 23, 2009 through November 1, 2009 is the St. Mary Parish "Red Ribbon Week" (substance abuse prevention). The Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana Tribal Council signed a "Red Ribbon Week" Proclamation observing "Red Ribbon Week" on the Chitimacha Reservation. Human Services in collaboration with the Tribal School is hosting a "Red Ribbon Parade" on Wednesday, October 28, 2009 at 2:20 p.m. The parade route will begin at the rear of the Tribal School on Chitimacha Loop and continue to Chitimacha Trail returning to the Tribal School. On Saturday, October 24, 2009, the St. Mary Parish Red Ribbon Motorcade will begin in Amelia, Louisiana at 9:00 a.m. and will end on the Chitimacha Reservation. The Motorcade will consist of emergency vehicles including, but not limited to police and fire departments.

Latricia and Nicole are looking forward to the Chitimacha Human Services W.A.R.R.I.O.R.S. (Willing to be A Responsible, Respectful Individual on Our Reservation and in Society) Boys and Girls' Groups to begin. For more information, contact Human Services at (337) 923-7000.

Until next time, follow your dreams!

Recreation Newsletter

October 2009

Pool: The pool is now closed for the fall/winter season and will reopen in the spring of 2010.

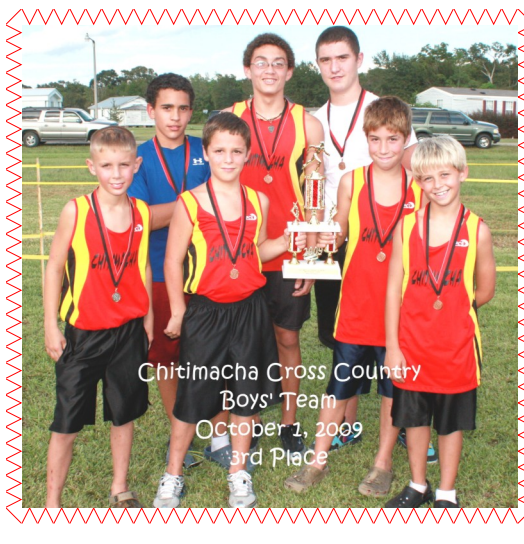
Cross Country: Our Cross Country Team has been successful this year. We competed in several races, beginning with the Catholic High Race on September 19, at Acadiana Park in Lafayette. Our top male runner for the two mile race was **Jovan Anderson** with a time of 15:33. Other times included: **Bailey Hebert** with a time of 16:21, **Mason Gaddy** and **Chase Cormier** tied at 16:32, **Robert Compton** 18:35 and **Nick Salisbury** at 21:41. **Dynah Sedatol** was our top female runner with a time of 19:28. **Erica Compton** followed with a time of 19:40.

The next race was held at Ascension Episcopal which included over 100 Jr. High runners. Our team picked up the pace in this 1.5 mile competition. Big improvements in our runners included: **Jovan Anderson** with a time of 10:32, **Bailey Hebert** 10:57, **Kale Delcambre** 11:02, **Mason Gaddy** 11:32, **Chase Cormier** 12:18, **Robert Compton** 12:46, and **Nick Salisbury** 13:15. Our two female runners clocked in with times of 13:19 for **Dynah Sedatol** and 15:04 for **Erica Compton**.

On October 1, we held our 14th Annual Chitimacha Cross Country Race at the Sports Complex. Once again our runners showed off their talents on their own turf with times of 9:28 for **Jovan Anderson**, **Bailey Hebert** 9:44, **Kale Delcambre** 9:47, **Mason Gaddy** 10:24, **Chase Cormier** 10:36, **Robert Compton** 12:00, and **Nick Salisbury** 13:26. Our boys' team efforts landed us with the 3rd Place Team Trophy, narrowly missing the 2nd place trophy by 3 points. **Dynah Sedatol** ran the race in 12:31 with **Erica Compton** running a time of 12:41, and **Jadi Brown** ran with improvements.

We enjoyed perfect weather for our race and with many valuable volunteers, the race was well organized. We'd like to thank the following volunteers: **Tanya Rosamond, Trish Mora, Bethany Darby, Karen Matthews, Amy Theriot, Brittany Martin, Mildred Darden, Robin Compton, Brian Millet, Joe Garrison, Royce Deslatte, and Harold Junca**. Many comments were made about the efficiency and organization of our event. Many thanks to all our volunteers.

Highland Baptist was our next competition held on October 5. **Kale Delcambre** stepped up his pace to finish 1st on our Chitimacha squad with time of 10:52.12 and **Jovan Anderson** close on his heels with a time of 10:52.49. **Bailey Hebert** was close behind with a time of 11:10, **Mason Gaddy** 11:43, **Robert Compton** 14:20 and **Nick Salisbury** 14:21. Times were much slower due to wet and muddy running conditions. Part two of the Episcopal running series was held on October 8. We had several runners with improved times including: **Jovan Anderson** 10:47, **Kale Delcambre** 10:59, **Mason Gaddy** 11:21, and **Chase Cormier** 11:44. Our teams are pictured.



Soccer: Registration was held August 17-20. Practices began on August 25th at the Sports Complex. Games were held on Mondays and Wednesdays, and one Thursday, beginning September 9. Although we were threatened on several days with rain, all games were played as scheduled. Our teams were divided into three divisions with a total of 102 participants, not including Glencoe Charter School who brought a 7th-8th grade team to compete. Thanks to all our workers, including volunteer coaches, concession workers, and officials. Special thanks go to **Clint Bishop** for providing and spreading ant treatment on our soccer fields. With the assistance of **Royce Deslatte**, we held the mosquitoes off at bay. He faithfully fogged and sprayed our fields prior to each game night which gave us extra protection, along with many cans of mosquito repellent. Thanks to all of you who took the time to complete our Recreational Survey on the last night of soccer. This valuable input allows us to evaluate and improve each sport for the following year.

ChitFit Bootcamp: We are heading into our 9th week of bootcamp. This 45 minute workout includes a combination of cardio, plyometrics, and strengthening exercises that is sure to improve your overall fitness. This class is held on most Mondays through Thursdays from 4:30-5:30 PM in the Chitimacha School Gym. This program was initially started to improve employee fitness but has grown to include community members. We currently have a total of 31 participants that are actively participating in the program. Many are asking how long this class will continue. And the answer is always, "As long as we have the numbers to support the class". At this time, we have three gym monitors that help out with watching participants' children. This allows our moms to attend workouts with the guilt of leaving their children behind. Huge thanks go out to Jennifer Naquin, who has been taking the class over when other Recreation events occur. Without Ms. Jen stepping forward, our workouts would have been cancelled.

Volleyball: Registration was held during the last week of Soccer. Practices are currently going on in the Chitimacha School Gym at 5:30 PM. Games are scheduled to begin Monday, October 19, and will be played on Mondays and Wednesdays for three weeks. A notable comment to be made is how much school spirit volleyball has brought out. We have a total of 13 girls out of a possible 15 participating in volleyball. Hats off to you gals for the school spirit you are showing! We're trying a new approach to volleyball this year. We put together an A, B, C and D team. Our A team consists of our strongest 7 girls, with our B team consisting of our younger girls. Our C and D teams were divided with equal talent. Our A Team will play Glencoe and St. Joseph's 7th and 8th graders. Our B Team will compete against St. Joseph's 5th-6th graders. Our C and D teams will play each other. The idea behind these teams is to: 1) Be able to compete against our schools, 2) allow younger players to get playing time, 3) mix stronger and younger players together to help younger players improve. Come out and support our girls.

Flag Football: We have 115 football participants in three age categories. They have been practicing for two weeks. Our three divisions include: 5-7 year olds, 8-10, 11-8th graders. Games will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning October 19th at 5:30 PM, on two fields at the Sports Complex.

Upcoming: Basketball for 5 year olds-8th graders. Start thinking about participation, for it is our goal to include as many tribal members and employee's children as possible.

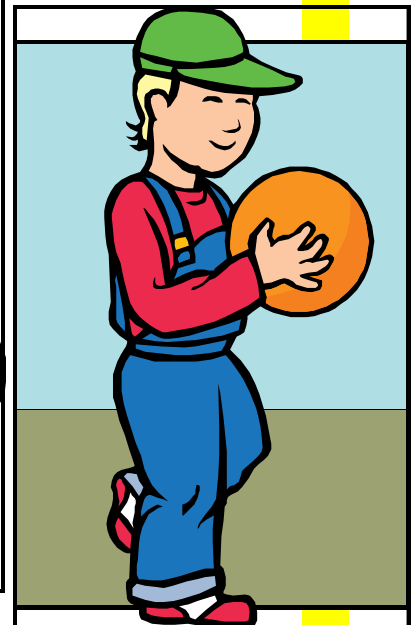
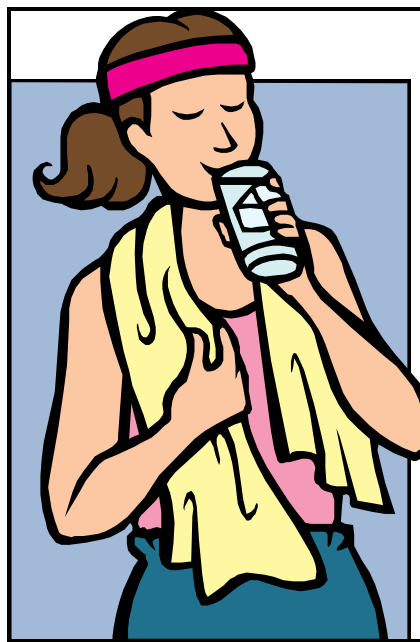
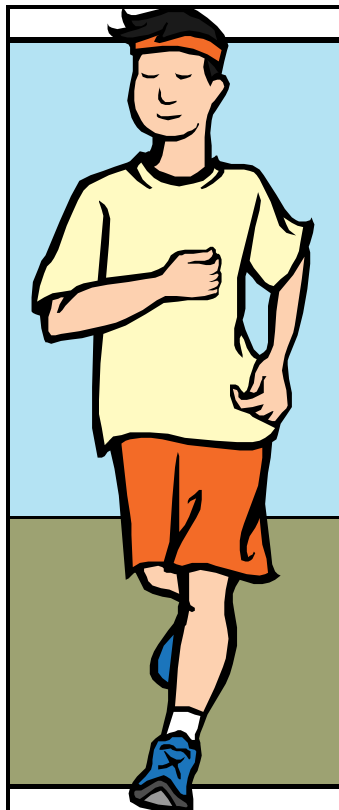
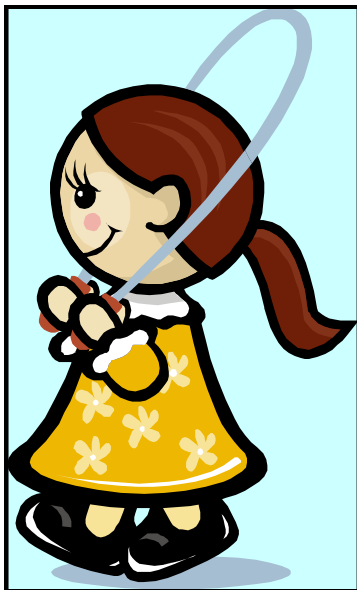
I'd like to draw your attention to an article I read in American College of Sports Medicine. Its great news to hear that early exercise pays off. Michael O'Shea published information stating that physical activity early in life may help protect kids from excessive fat gains later in life-even if their activity level drops off. Scientists studied 333 children, first at age 5, then again at 8 and 11. They found out that the more active the kids were when young, the less body fat they had later on.

Dr. Kathleen Janz quotes, "Some of the 5 year olds did 10 minutes or less a day, while others were active for 60 minutes or more. When we measured the children at age 11, there was a 3.4 pound difference in fatness between kids most active and those least active." Every additional 10 minutes of exercise at age 5, resulted in a third of a pound less fat at age 11, regardless of whether the activity level had been maintained. "Small changes now result in meaningful differences later. Don't wait until your kids are overweight. Take advantage of their boundless energy and free time now. They'll thank you later," states Dr. Janz.

The article includes five ways to get your kids moving:

- 1) Lead by example; let them see you working out-even walking-or being active in some way.
- 2) Take a non-negotiable position, because you know that getting regular exercise and emphasizing healthy foods can prevent cardiac problems. In the future, you have to remain consistent about their exercise regimen and good eating habits.
- 3) Promote the concept of personal best. Exercise, riding a bike, dancing, yoga, aerobics can all be about doing more that the day you did before. Give positive feedback to your child for surpassing what he or she did the previous week.
- 4) Limit sedentary activities. Firmly control the amount of time your kids spend in front of the television and computer to 1 or 2 hours a day. Every child and teen's goal should be 60 minutes of activity most days of the week.
- 5) Make it cool. For the nonathletic child, explore activities that are different but not embarrassing.

Be sure to glance at the marquis for the latest information in Recreation.



News From RiverCane

Pictured are random photographs of our Seniors during last months scheduled "Eat Out" at Jane's Seafood in New Iberia.



Pictured below are random photographs of some participants in the weekly Wednesday Morning Diabetes Clinic held here at RiverCane.



EMPLOYEE / SUPERVISOR OF THE YEAR CEREMONY



Pictured (L to R) is Peggy Gaddy, Sandra Boutte, Kimberly Cook and John Paul Darden.

Sandra Boutte was announced as a co-winner for the **Employee of the Year 2009**. The announcement was made September 18, 2009, following the Employee / Supervisor of the Year Ceremony.

Sandra Boutte has been employed with the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana since June 1, 1988. She is employed as a Cultural Instructor at the Chitimacha Cultural Department. In this position, her most important job duties recently have included her assisted responsibilities associated with the endangered language grant that the Tribe received from the Rosetta Stone Company. Ms. Sandra is a Chitimacha Tribal member and she currently resides on Chitimacha Trail; she is the wife of Larry Boutte. She is the mother of seven children; Telah Caro, Desiree' Rebert, Shayna Hines, Grant Boutte, Blair Boutte, Blake Boutte, Chad Boutte. Sandra enjoys spending time with family and friends, cooking, reading and doing puzzles.

Kimberly Cook was announced as a co-winner for the **Employee of the Year 2009**. The announcement was made September 18, 2009, following the Employee / Supervisor of the Year Ceremony.

Kimberly Cook has been employed with the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana since January 17, 2006. She is employed as an Administrative Secretary at the Main Office. In this position, she provides information and assistance to visitors, Tribal Members, and others having business with the Chitimacha Tribe. She also performs other duties such as Tribal business travel, provide clerical assistance to other departments, and serves as a Tribal Official on the Chitimacha Scholarship Committee and Tribal Election Board. Kim is a Chitimacha Tribal member and she currently resides on the Reservation. She is the mother of three children; Benedicto Juan Paulino, II; Rikkiann Harriett Cook and Rihanna Jane Cook. Kimberly enjoys spending time with family and weekend getaways.



Pictured (L to R) is Sandra Boutte & Kimberly Cook.



Tanya Rosamond was announced as the winner for the **Supervisor of the Year 2009**. The announcement was made September 18, 2009, following the Employee / Supervisor of the Year Ceremony.

Tanya Rosamond has been employed with the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana since April 30, 2000. She is employed at the Chitimacha Tribal School as the School Principal. She operates and manages various aspects of the school, while ensuring the children are of the utmost priority. In addition to her day-to-day duties, she works with Bureau of the Indian Affairs in relations to requirements set forth. Tanya currently resides in Jeanerette, Louisiana with her husband Tam Rosamond. They have two children Thomas and Stephen Rosamond. Her hobbies are exercising, home projects, and decorating her home.

Pictured (above) is Tanya Rosamond and (at R) with Peggy Gaddy and



**Congratulations to All the Nominees
on All Their Hard Work and
Dedication to the Tribe!!**

POSITION ANNOUNCEMENTS

CULTURAL CLASSROOM AIDE

The Cultural Classroom Aide will be responsible for learning the Chitimacha language, assisting the Cultural Instructor in providing group and one-on-one language and cultural instruction, assists in the development of lesson plans, assists Cultural Instructor with curriculum development and scheduling. Makes copies and creates materials. Assists in creating, maintaining and updating files and records. Assists with planning and giving presentations regarding Chitimacha language and/or culture as needed and performs other duties as assigned or required. Provides departmental assistance.

This work schedule requires a thirty-five (35) hours work week and follows a school schedule and holidays, including off for the summer. The primary location for this is at the Cultural Classroom at the Chitimacha Tribal School assisting the Cultural Instructor.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS

A high school diploma or GED. Relevant teaching, linguistics, cultural/ heritage program development or closely related experience preferred.

MUSEUM INTERPRETER

This position undertakes and performs a variety of duties associated with the operation of and services provided at the Chitimacha Museum. Duties also include research, education and archival activities associated with preserving and promoting the culture and heritage of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana. Monitors exhibit areas and provides guided tours giving information/interpretation of exhibits and related materials, including scheduling large group tours. Assists with developing and updating tribal archives both manually and electronically. Reviews and maintains a variety of files, records, logs, reports, correspondences and other materials. Plans, prepares and gives presentations regarding Chitimacha culture. Oversees the museum gift shop, identifies and orders stock and related items, reviews and updates inventory. Collects and deposits monies from museum sales and donations.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS: A high school diploma or GED AND two (2) years of experience in public speaking and/or working in the tourism industry.

Additional Requirements for both Positions: Must be an enrolled member of the Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana. Skill in operating a computer, utilizing a variety of software applications. May be required to attend evening meetings and/ or otherwise work outside the traditional work schedule. Must possess a valid State of Louisiana driver's license and clean driving record.

- * **MUST BE AN ENROLLED CHITIMACHA TRIBAL MEMBER.**
- * **SUBJECT TO PRE-EMPLOYMENT AND RANDOM DRUG TESTING.**
- * **A BACKGROUND INVESTIGATION WILL BE REQUIRED.**

To Apply: View our website www.chitimacha.gov, or visit the Human Resources Department at 105 Houma Drive, Charenton, LA. Deadline for submission of application is **November 4, 2009.**

NOTICE

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What's Up With America?

By Gary Fisher

There are many voices from many different venues today saying that America is in big trouble! It is obvious today that the American voter is not driven by morality in what he or she is willing to vote for! Much of the voting today is done more for convenience and the individual's pocket book in mind, regardless of the moral impact. The average voter is satisfied if he or she has enough money to spend and plenty of entertainment. Reflected at the voting booth, the mantra seems to be, "Just give us more money, pleasure, and entertainment". Consequently, it is becoming more and more obvious that this is not the same country many of us grew up in!!!

So, what's up with America? It is not just America. It is worldwide. It is something predicted in Scripture for the last days. No prophecy says it better than the one found at II Timothy 3:1-7, 15. It says, *"But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these. For among them are those who enter into households and captivate weak women weighed down with sins, led on by various impulses, always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth...But evil men and imposters will proceed from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived"* (v15). Sounds like the daily news, doesn't it?

America has been a leader in the world for the last two hundred years for economic stability and righteous causes. Being a righteous leader, it was America who came to the world's rescue in World War I and World War II. Then, she was respected and strong. Today, her policies are making her weak and she is losing her prominence as the world's leader. Her dollar is weakening and is losing its place as the money standard for the world. With the vote of her politicians, she is calling for the murder of her unborn for convenience sake (49,000,000 to date since 1973). She is saturating the world with more filth via television than any country in the history of the world with her politicians simply turning the other way! And, she is starting to falter in one of her few redemptions with God, support for the State of Israel.

Without America being the leader, the governments of the world are finding it more necessary to cooperate. The bankruptcy of American politics is therefore moving us well on our way to a global government (Revelation 13). Should the Rapture occur in the soon coming days, and it is close by the way, we will gladly say good-bye to this corruption and hello to a righteous King who will rule with righteousness and justice. Many of us can't wait! How about you?

Come join us on Tuesday evenings 6 P.M. to pray for our country.
Join us Thursday evenings at 7 P.M. for Bible study, and if you don't attend anywhere else join us Sunday morning at 9 A.M. for Bible study and 10:30 for Worship.

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